Case 3:15-cv-01029-JAH-BGS Document 1 Filed 05/08/15 FILED MAY 0 8 2015 PAUL A. CADROBBI CLERK US DISTRICT COURT CYHNTHIA L. CUMMING SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 2408 Saratoga Street Oceanside, California 92054 Telephone: (818) 205-6424 3 Plaintiff Pro Se 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA) CIVIL NO.: 15CV 1029 JAH BGS PAUL A. CADROBBI, an individual; CYHNTHIA L. CUMMING, an individual,) PLAINTIFFS CADROBBI AND 11 CUMMING'S VERIFIED COMPLAINT Plaintiff, 12 FRAUD 13 v.) MISREPRESENTATION 14 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, L.L.C., a) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED Delaware Limited Liability 15 Company; OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, 17 Defendants. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 PLAINTIFFS CADROBBI AND CUMMING'S VERIFIED COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Plaintiffs PAUL A. CADROBBI and CYHNTHIA L. CUMMING ("PLAINTIFFS") and complains as follows:

I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1332(a) because the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 and no plaintiff shares a state of citizenship with any defendant.
- 2. The Court is the proper venue for this action under 28 U.S.C. Section 1391 because one or more of the Defendants either resides in or maintains executive offices in this district and all of the relevant real estate is located in this county.

II. PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiffs were and at all times herein mentioned are, a resident of the County of San Diego in state of California and the lawful owner of a parcel of real property commonly known as: 2408 Saratoga Street, Oceanside, California 92054 (hereinafter "Subject Property").
- 4. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant NATIONSTAR, is and was, a Delaware limited liability company whose members are domiciled in the state of Texas and whose principal place of business is in the state of Texas and at all times herein mentioned was conducting ongoing business in the state of California and claims an interest adverse to the right, title and interests of Plaintiffs in Subject Property.

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5. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant OCWEN, is and was, a Delaware limited liability company whose members are domiciled in the state of Florida and whose principal place of business is in the state of Georgia and at all times herein mentioned was conducting ongoing business in the state of California and claims an interest adverse to the right, title and interests of Plaintiffs in Subject Property.

III. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 6. On or about January 14, 2008, Plaintiffs entered into a mortgage loan with Taylor, Bean, and Whitaker Mortgage Corp ("TBWMC") attributed to MIN: 1000295-0002282351-6. The mortgage loan ("Loan") contained no private mortgage insurance ("PMI") policy. The Loan was secured by the Subject Property as evidenced by a Deed of Trust. Neither the Loan nor Deed of Trust demonstrate the existence of a PMI policy. See Exhibit 1.
- 7. On or about August 9, 2009, Following TBWMC transferred the Loan to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Loan was subsequently purchased by OCWEN.
- 8. On or about August 24, 2009, TBWMC filed for Chapter 11 federal bankruptcy protection.
- 9. As Plaintiffs made their mortgage payments to OCWEN, OCWEN proceeded to allocate payments towards a nonexistent PMI policy during the following time periods and in the following amounts:
 - a. February 2010; \$204.87; \$216.87

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such copy. To date, OCWEN has failed to provide proof of a PMI

policy or a refund of misappropriated escrow funds.

- 13. OCWEN'S PMI charges resulted in Plaintiffs' mortgage payment being increased to unaffordable levels.
- 14. OCWEN'S PMI charges resulted in Plaintiffs being subjected to unjustified interest and an unwarranted escrow balance.
- 15. To date, OCWEN has failed to respond to Plaintiffs' various complaints, reduce Plaintiffs' escrow balance, or provide Plaintiffs with a refund of any nature.
- 16. On or about May 16, 2013, OCWEN transferred the servicing rights to the Loan to NATIONSTAR. See Exhibit 2.
- 17. On or about June 14, 2013, Plaintiffs sent a written correspondence to NATIONSTAR requesting payment records. On or about July 1, 2013, NATIONSTAR responded by providing Plaintiffs with a payment history detailing unwarranted PMI Policy charges that resulted in an inflated escrow balance. See Exhibit 3.
- 18. On or about April 20, 2014, Quality Service Loan

 Corporation sent Plaintiffs a Notice of Foreclosure. See Exhibit

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- 19. On or about July 24, 2014, Plaintiffs sent a complaint to the California Attorney General alleging fraud and negligence on NATIONSTAR's part. See Exhibit 5.
- 20. As a result of OCWEN and NATIONSTAR's actions,
 Plaintiffs risk the foreclosure of Subject Property, have had
 their credit reports negatively affected, and have suffered
 severe emotional distress and anxiety.

IV. CAUSES OF ACTION

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

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(Fraud)

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(As to Defendants OCWEN and NATIONSTAR)

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21. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 to 18 of this Complaint.

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22. Fraud occurs under any of the following circumstances:

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When there is an affirmative misrepresentation - the suggestion,

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communication of that fact; or a false promise - a promise made

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without any intention of performing it.

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23. Fraud also occurs when a defendant makes an untrue

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representation of a material fact without a reasonable ground for

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information. Such a representation must be made with the intent

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that the plaintiff would and did rely on it, to his detriment and

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harm.

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24. In this matter, OCWEN affirmatively misrepresented

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material facts, knowing that its representations were false and

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misrepresentations, all to Plaintiffs' harm.

- 25. These affirmative misrepresentations were made knowingly by OCWEN through their customer services representatives.
- 26. By way of billings and OCWEN perpetrated its fraud in actions which included but were not limited to the following activities, and as described with specificity in the factual allegations of this claim and the aforementioned factual statements on numerous occasions:
 - a. OCWEN claimed the Loan contained a PMI policy and as a result, made a misrepresentation.
 - b. OCWEN claimed Plaintiffs were due and owing payments to a nonexistent PMI policy and as a result, made a misrepresentation.
 - c. OCWEN claimed funds paid to OCWEN were being applied to a PMI Policy and as a result, made a misrepresentation.
 - d. OCWEN made a misrepresentation with respect to

 Plaintiffs loan balances in the following manner: On

 March 1, 2011, Plaintiffs' loan statement reflected a

 balance of \$431,250.64. A subsequent statement then

 reflected a loan balance of \$417,888.88. A subsequent

 loam statement then reflected a loan balance of

 \$430,311.96. The fluctuating loan balance is evidence

 that OCWEN made misrepresentations as to the correct

 loan balance.

- 27. OCWEN's agents intended for Plaintiffs to rely on its misrepresentations in the following manners:
 - a. OCWEN intended that Plaintiffs rely on its

 misrepresentations by repeatedly submitting billing

 statements to Plaintiffs that indicated a due and owing

 balance attributed to a PMI Policy. Despite

 Plaintiffs' protests, Defendant was unwavering in

 billing for a PMI policy that did not exist.
 - b. OCWEN intended that Plaintiffs rely on its misrepresentations by repeatedly submitting billing statements to Plaintiffs that indicated a false loan balance was due and owing.
- 28. Plaintiffs justifiably relied on all of OCWEN's misrepresentations and omissions since OCWEN was a reputable mortgage servicer at the time.
- 29. Plaintiffs were damaged as a result OCWEN's misrepresentations and omissions since Plaintiffs made numerous mortgage payments and a sizeable amount of each mortgage was improperly applied towards a nonexistent PMI Policy. As a result of such payments, Defendants have been unjustly enriched while Plaintiffs have incurred court fees to enforce their legal rights and have suffered the slander of their representation due to the fact that illegitimate foreclosure proceedings have been attributed to them and reported to credit reporting agencies and bureaus.

30. In this matter, NATIONSTAR affirmatively misrepresented material facts, knowing that its representations were false and by making their representations without reasonable grounds, with the intent that Plaintiffs would rely on their misrepresentations, all to Plaintiffs' harm.

- 31. These affirmative misrepresentations were made knowingly by NATIONSTAR through their customer services representatives.
- 32. By way of billings and NATIONSTAR perpetrated its fraud in actions which included but were not limited to the following activities, and as described with specificity in the factual allegations of this claim and the aforementioned factual statements on numerous occasions:
 - a. NATIONSTAR claimed the Loan contained a PMI policy and as a result, made a misrepresentation.
 - b. NATIONSTAR claimed Plaintiffs were due and owing payments to a nonexistent PMI policy and as a result, made a misrepresentation.
 - c. NATIONSTAR claimed funds paid to NATIONSTAR were being applied to a PMI Policy and as a result, made a misrepresentation.
- 33. NATIONSTAR's agents intended for Plaintiffs to rely on its misrepresentations in the following manners:
 - a. NATIONSTAR intended that Plaintiffs rely on its misrepresentations by repeatedly submitting billing

statements to Plaintiffs that indicated a due and owing balance attributed to a PMI Policy. Despite Plaintiffs' protests, Defendant was unwavering in billing for a PMI policy that did not exist.

- 34. Plaintiffs justifiably relied on all of OCWEN's misrepresentations and omissions since OCWEN was a reputable mortgage servicer at the time.
- 35. Plaintiffs were damaged as a result OCWEN'S misrepresentations and omissions since Plaintiffs made numerous mortgage payments and a sizeable amount of each mortgage was improperly applied towards a nonexistent PMI Policy. As a result of such payments, Defendants have been unjustly enriched while Plaintiffs have incurred court fees to enforce their legal rights and have suffered the slander of their representation due to the fact that illegitimate foreclosure proceedings have been attributed to them and reported to credit reporting agencies and bureaus.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Misrepresentation)

(As to all Defendants)

- 36. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 to 33 of this Complaint.
- 37. In this matter, OCWEN affirmatively misrepresented material facts, knowing that its representations were false and by making their representations without reasonable grounds, with

the intent that Plaintiffs would rely on their misrepresentations, all to Plaintiffs' harm.

- 38. These affirmative misrepresentations were made knowingly by OCWEN through their customer service representatives and agents.
- 39. OCWEN perpetrated its misrepresentation actions which included but were not limited to the following activities, and as described with specificity in the factual allegations of this claim and the aforementioned factual statements:
 - a. OCWEN claimed the Loan contained a PMI policy and as a result, made a misrepresentation.
 - b. OCWEN claimed Plaintiffs were due and owing payments to a nonexistent PMI policy and as a result, made a misrepresentation.
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- 41. Plaintiffs justifiably relied on all of OCWEN's misrepresentations and omissions since OCWEN was a reputable mortgage servicer at the time.
- 42. Plaintiffs were damaged as a result OCWEN's misrepresentations and omissions since Plaintiffs made numerous mortgage payments and a sizeable amount of each mortgage was improperly applied towards a nonexistent PMI Policy. As a result of such payments, Defendants have been unjustly enriched while Plaintiffs have incurred court fees to enforce their legal rights and have suffered the slander of their representation due to the fact that illegitimate foreclosure proceedings have been attributed to them and reported to credit reporting agencies and bureaus.
- 43. In this matter, NATIONSTAR affirmatively misrepresented material facts, knowing that its representations were false and by making their representations without reasonable grounds, with the intent that Plaintiffs would rely on their misrepresentations, all to Plaintiffs' harm.
- 44. These affirmative misrepresentations were made knowingly by NATIONSTAR through their customer service representatives and agents.
- 45. NATIONSTAR perpetrated its misrepresentation actions which included but were not limited to the following activities, and as described with specificity in the factual allegations of this claim and the aforementioned factual statements:

- a. NATIONSTAR claimed the Loan contained a PMI policy and as a result, made a misrepresentation.
- b. NATIONSTAR claimed Plaintiffs were due and owing payments to a nonexistent PMI policy and as a result, made a misrepresentation.
- c. NATIONSTAR claimed funds paid to NATIONSTAR were being applied to a PMI Policy and as a result, made a misrepresentation.
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- 47. Plaintiffs justifiably relied on all of NATIONSTAR's misrepresentations and omissions since NATIONSTAR was a reputable mortgage servicer at the time.
- 48. Plaintiffs were damaged as a result NATIONSTAR's misrepresentations and omissions since Plaintiffs made numerous mortgage payments and a sizeable amount of each mortgage was improperly applied towards a nonexistent PMI Policy. As a result of such payments, Defendants have been unjustly enriched while Plaintiffs have incurred court fees to enforce their legal rights

and have suffered the slander of their representation due to the fact that illegitimate foreclosure proceedings have been attributed to them and reported to credit reporting agencies and bureaus.

V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs prays as follows:

- 1. For the Court to issue a temporary restraining order, a preliminary injunction, and/or a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant NATIONSTAR from engaging in any foreclosure activity with respect to Subject Property.
 - 2. For the Court to enter judgment in favor of Plaintiffs.
- 3. For an accounting of all payments improperly paid by Plaintiffs to Defendants towards the nonexistent PMI policy that Defendants falsely purported to exist. Plaintiffs estimate this amount to exceed \$30,000.
- 4. For repayment of all payments improperly paid by Plaintiffs to Defendants towards the nonexistent PMI policy that Defendants falsely purported to exist. Plaintiffs estimate this amount to exceed \$30,000.
- 5. For repayment of all payments improperly paid by Plaintiffs to Defendants towards the improperly inflated insurance costs as a result of Plaintiffs overpayments towards a nonexistent PMI policy.
- 6. For the Court to award Plaintiffs the monetary equivalent of attorney's fees and costs pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1021.5 and 1095, or otherwise.
- 7. Special damages to account for Plaintiffs' severe emotional distress.

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

2 Plaintiffs request a jury trial on all issues raised in the 3 complaint.

5 April 28, 2015

PAUL A. CADROZBI

PLAINTIFF PRO SE

CYNTHIA L. CUMMING
PLAINTIFF PRO SE

VERIFICATION

- I, PAUL A. CADROBBI declare:
- 1. I am the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action. I have read the foregoing "PLAINTIFF'S VERIFIED COMPLAINT" and know its contents. I am informed and believe that the matters set forth in that document are true and accurate, and on that ground, I allege, to the best of my knowledge and information, that the matters therein stated therein are true and accurate.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the forgoing is true and correct. Executed on April 28, 2015 at Oceanside, California.

PAUL A. CADROBEL

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Declarant

VERIFICATION I, CYNTHIA L. CUMMING declare: I am the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action. have read the foregoing "PLAINTIFF'S VERIFIED COMPLAINT" and know its contents. I am informed and believe that the matters set forth in that document are true and accurate, and on that ground, I allege, to the best of my knowledge and information, that the matters therein stated therein are true and accurate. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the forgoing is true and correct. Executed on April 28, 2015 at Oceanside, California.